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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jose Flores-Hernandez, 32, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 34 months in prison for unlawfully re-entering the United States after having previously being deported.

Flores-Hernandez was taken into custody by law enforcement officers on June 29, 2007, when he appeared in Rock County Circuit Court to contest a disorderly conduct charge. Flores-Hernandez entered a guilty plea to his federal indictment on September 13, 2007.

The charges against the defendant were the result of an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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